

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Takeo YASUDA, et al.

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FOR: BULB-SHAPED FLUORESCENT LAMP AND ILLUMINATION DEVICE

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97**

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Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

**REFERENCES**

- The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

**RELATED CASES**

- Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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**STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY**

**Reference AO (3262168) on Form PTO-1449:**

This information discloses a self-ballasted fluorescent lamp having three or more bent tubes connected as a single discharge path. The outer tube diameter is set to 8-11 mm, and the thickness of the tube is set to 0.7-1.0 mm. The electrodes are sealed at both ends of the discharge path. Mercury vapor pressure can be maintained in a proper range, and the time until the light flux is stabilized can be reduced by providing auxiliary amalgam at the end of the tube placed halfway in the bulb. Since the tube size and amalgam location are suitably defined, the light flux of the fluorescent lamp can be stabilized fast.

**Reference AP (2001-243913) on Form PTO-1449:**

This information discloses a bulb-shaped fluorescent lamp provided with: a cover having a base; a translucent glove; a light-emitting tube contained in the glove; and a high-frequency lighting circuit having an invert circuit contained in the cover for high frequency lighting. An alloy amalgam constituted with the predetermined composition is contained in the light-emitting tube so as not protrude from a thin tube. The mercury vapor pressure is high at ambient temperature, and light flux is easy to get stable at start-up, and at the same time, suppresses the mercury vapor pressure even if the temperature rises, and so is stable at normal operation time.

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